

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-88 and 102-132 are pending. Claims 26, 36, 49-51, and 106 are amended and new Claims 107-132 are added by the present amendment. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Claims 26, 36, 49-51, and 106 are amended to correct informalities. No new matter is added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 1, 2006, applicant elects the invention of Group I, identifying Claims 1-37, 102-105, and 107-132 as readable on the elected invention.

New Claims 107-132 are respectfully submitted to be drawn to the same invention as Group I, and thus are elected herewith.

The Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed based on MPEP §803, which states:

If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions.

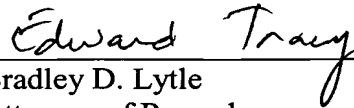
The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the outstanding Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Application No. 10/016,828  
Reply to Office Communication of June 1, 2006

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-88 and 102-132 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Bradley D. Lytle  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No. 40,073

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel: (703) 413-3000

Fax: (703) 413 -2220

(OSMMN 06/04)

I:\ATTY\ET\282629US\282629US-AMD9.1.06.DOC

Edward Tracy  
Registration No. 47,998